

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-23 were pending and under examination. In the Office Action mailed June 13, 2006 the Examiner makes a Restriction Requirement, restricting pending Claims 1-23 into the following two groups:

- Group I.        Claims 1-12 are drawn to screening methods and compounds for measuring altered vimentin activity, classified in class 435, subclass 7.1 for example.
- Group II.       Claims 13-23 are drawn to a method for killing pathogens, classified in class 435, subclass 5 for example.

In the Office Action of June 13, 2006 the Examiner states:

“Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes is proper.” (Office Action of June 13, 2006, page 3.).

Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the claims of Group II. In an Amendment accompanying this response, Applicants have cancelled Claims 1-12 in order to further their business interests and the prosecution of the present application. Applicants reserve the right to prosecute the cancelled claims of Group I in one or more divisional applications.

**CONCLUSION**

Should the Examiner believe that a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned collect at (608) 218-6900.

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